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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Proulx, Stephen et al.

Application No. : 09/913,977

Group Art Unit : 1724

Examiner : Robert J. Popovics

Filing Date : August 20, 2001

For: Filtration Cartridge and Process for Filtering a Slurry

RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Mailstop Amendments P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121), dated December 7, 2005, which issued in connection with the above-identified application. This Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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